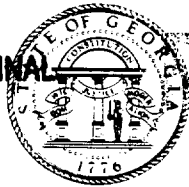


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RE: Universal Service Certification
47 USC 254(e); 47 CFR SECTION 54.314

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Dear Madam Secretary:

On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-Second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256/adopting Rural Task Force's proposed framework for rural high cost reform. In its Order, the FCC concluded that the mandate in section 254(e) that universal service support be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended" applies to all carriers, rural and non-rural, that are designated as eligible to receive support under section 214(e) of the Act. Accordingly, the FCC's Order requires states that wish to receive federal universal service high-cost support for rural carriers within their boundaries to file a certification with the FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) stating that federal high-cost funds flowing to rural carriers in that state will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e). Absent such certification, carriers will not receive such support. The FCC's Order requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that rural carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1, 2001.

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In Administrative Session on August 21, 2001, the Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) approved certification that the attached list of Georgia rural local exchange carriers will be using support received under section 214(e) consistent with the requirements of section 254(e) and are therefore eligible to continue to receive support under section 214(e) of the Act. The appropriate certification is also being conveyed to the Universal Service Administrative Company.

The Georgia Public Service Commission respectfully submits this certification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren McDonald", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lauren "Bubba" McDonald

Chairman

Georgia Public Service Commission

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Georgia Rural Local Exchange Carriers
Universal Service Certification
47 USC 254(e); CFR Section 54.314

1. Accucomm Telecommunications, Inc.
2. ALLTEL Georgia, Inc
3. ALLTEL Georgia Communications Corp.
4. Georgia ALLTEL Telecom, Inc.
5. Georgia Telephone Corporation
6. Standard Telephone Company
7. Alma Telephone Company, Inc.
8. Brantley Telephone Company, Inc.
9. Bulloch County Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
10. Chickamauga Telephone Corporation
11. Citizens Telephone Company, Inc.
12. Coastal Utilities, Inc
13. ComSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
14. Darien Telephone Company, Inc.
15. Ellijay Telephone Company
16. Frontier Communications of Fairmount, Inc.
17. Frontier Communications of Georgia, Inc.
18. GTC, Inc. d/b/a GT Com
19. Glenwood Telephone Company
20. Hart Telephone Company
21. Interstate Telephone Company
22. Pembroke Telephone Company, Inc.
23. Pineland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
24. Plant Telephone Company
25. Planters Rural Telephone Coop
26. Progressive Rural Telephone Co-op, Inc.
27. Public Service Telephone Company
28. Ringgold Telephone Company
29. Blue Ridge Telephone Company
30. Camden Telephone Company
31. Quincy Telephone Company
32. Nelson Ball Ground Telephone Company
33. Trenton Telephone Company
34. Waverly Hall Telephone Company
35. Wilkes Telephone & Electric Company